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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on August 25, 2003 has been entered and considered by examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

The references listed on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August
 25, 2003 has been considered by examiner; see attached PTO-1449.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claims 1, 3, 4-20, 22-24, 27-39, 41, 43, 45 and 47-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412) in view of Hecht et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,327,395).

As to claim 43, Lazzouni discloses a system for information management including a sensing wand (10) adapted to record information electronically from position information obtained from position codes on a writing region (i.e. encoded paper 14) (see column 4, lines 51-65, column 6, lines 35-60 and column 16-21), a sensed product (any media including hard copy such as paper) supplying the position information to the

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sensing wand (10) and being provided with a writing region and identified by at least one position code unique thereto (see column 6, lines 35-65). Lazzouni does not mention at with at least one activation icon. In same field of endeavor (using encoded paper), Hecht teaches at least one activation icon (e.g., icon David's DOC2) indicating a predetermined operation using glyph address carpet (or position code) marked on a product (e.g., paper) (see column 10, line 66 through column 11, line 7 and column 11, line 57 through column 12, line 41). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the invention was made to have added a user interface icon as taught by Hecht to the encoded paper of Lazzouni because human interpretable textual, graphical or mix textual and graphical representations of files can be accessible via the user interface icon (see column 4, lines 6-15 of Hecht).

As to claim 45, this claim differs from claim 43 in that claim 43 is apparatus whereas claim 45 is method. Thus, method claim 45 is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to apparatus claim 43 above.

As to claim 1, this claim differs from claim 45 only in that the limitation "coded by at least one unique position code representing the activation icon and different from codes contained in the writing position coded" is additionally recited. Lazzouni teaches the use of writing position codes including different patterns such as dots. (see Figures 4-5) while Hecht teaches activation icon codes using slash-like marks. Thus, combining dot like writing position codes of Lazzouni and slash-like marks activation icon codes of Hecht would meet the claimed "different" as recited in the claim because slash mark codes is different from dot mark codes.

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As to claim 20, this claim differs from claim 1 in that the limitations "pen" and "a reader mounted for movement with the pen for reading said position code provided on the writing surface" are additionally recited. Lazzouni clearly teaches pen (10) and reader (70).

As to claim 39, this claim differs from claim 45 only in that the limitation "a first subset" and "a second subset" is additionally recited. Lazzouni teaches using pen for writing information on the paper while Hecht teaches using pen for activating icon displayed on the paper. Thus, combining Lazzouni and Hecht would meet the claimed "first subset and second subset" as recited in the claim because icon of Hecht reads on second subset of position codes.

As to claim 47, this claim differs from claim 20 on the in that claim 47 is method whereas claim 20 is apparatus. Thus, method claim 47 is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to apparatus claim 20 above.

As to claim 51, this claim differs from claim 20 in that the limitation "first processor" and "second processor" is additionally recited. Lazzouni teaches using one processor for performing processing handwritten information on the paper while Hecht teaches using another processing for performing processing activating icon displayed on the paper. Thus, combining Lazzouni and Hecht would meet the claimed "first processor and second processor" as recited in the claim.

As to claim 3, this claim is met by both Lazzouni and Hecht. For example, Figure 18 of Hetch shows the position code (glyph) extending continuously over the writing surface.

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As to claim 9, Hecht clearly teaches a plurality of activation icons (e.g., John'sdoc2, David'sdoc1).

As to claims 10-11, Hecht teaches camera (2716) being optical detector for detecting the activation icon (e.g., John'sdoc2) and the position code (glyph)

As to claim 12, this claim is met by Hecht. For example, icon John'sdoc2 stores the recorded information at a predetermined location.

As to claim 13, Hecht clearly teaches the position code including a plurality of symbols (forward slash and backward slash) each symbol (e.g., forward slash) contributing to the coding of more than one position.

As to claim 14, Hecht teaches position code including a raster and a plurality of symbols as recited in the claim.

As to claims15-19, since Hecht teaches that the position code (glyphs) can be formed on the paper. Thus, it is inherent that number of identical papers can be formed a note pad.

As to dependent claims 22-24, 28-30 and 38, 41, these claims are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-3, 9-14, and met by Hecht.

As to dependent claims 4-8, 15-19, 27, 31-37, 48-50 and 52-54, these claims are met by either Hecht or Lazzouni. For example, Hecht clearly teaches at least one activation icon as recited in claim 5. Lazzouni teaches a second set including character recognition area as recited in the claim 6-7.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20, 22-24, 27-39, 41, 43, 45, 47-54 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

In view of amendment, the reference Lazzouni (U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412) have been added for new ground of rejection.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-6603.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, Steven Saras can be reached at 305-9720.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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January 24, 2004

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